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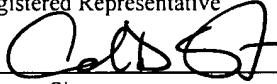
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Case No. 659-877

K-C Ref. Nos. 16,569 and 16,875

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Sanders et al.

Serial No.: 09/954,506

Attention: Manager,
Application Branch

Filed: September 14, 2001

For: METHOD AND
APPARATUS FOR
ASSEMBLING
REFASTENABLE
ABSORBENT
GARMENTS

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION
FILING DATE GRANTED**

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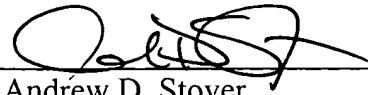
In accordance with the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted dated October 16, 2001, a copy of which is attached, enclosed herewith for filing are the following documents:

- Fully executed Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney for the above-referenced patent application.
- Applicant is:
 - a small entity, verified statement is:
 - attached
 - already filed
 - other than small entity
- A check totaling \$1500.00 for:
 - Filing Fee of \$740.00.
 - Surcharge of \$130.00.
 - Additional Claim Fees of \$630.00.
- Petition for Extension of Time (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)) to file missing parts (in duplicate).
- A check for \$110.00 for a one month extension of time fee.
- Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate).
- Form PTO 1449.
- Copies of 146 cited references.
- Return receipt postcard.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

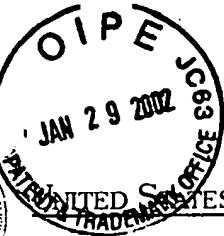
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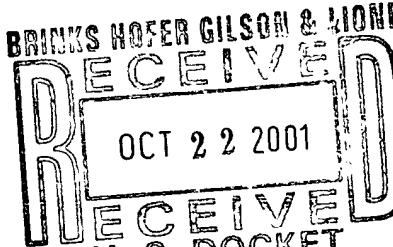


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APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING/RECEIPT DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
09/954,506	09/14/2001	Donald J. Sanders	659-877

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FORMALITIES LETTER



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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.

Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$630.

- \$630 for 35 total claims over 20.

- The oath or declaration is missing.

A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1470.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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Case No. 659-877
K-C Ref. Nos. 16,569 and
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Serial No. 09/954,506	Filing Date Sept. 14, 2001	Examiner Unassigned	Group Art Unit 3763
Inventor(s) Sanders et al.			
Title of Invention METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ASSEMBLING REFASTENABLE ABSORBENT GARMENTS			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith: Check for \$1500.00 for the filing fee, 35 additional claims, and the surcharge; a check for \$110.00 for a one month extension of time fee; Transmittal (in duplicate); Petition and Fee for Extension of Time (37 CFR § 1.136(a)) (in duplicate); Response To Notice To File Missing Parts Of Application Filing Date Granted with a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (in duplicate); Declaration; Power of Attorney; Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate); Form PTO 1449; copies of 146 cited references; and return receipt postcard.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

Petition for a one month extension of time.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

Claims as Filed	Col. 1	Col. 2
For	No. Filed	No. Extra
Basic Fee		
Total Claims	55-20	12
Indep. Claims	3-3	0
Multiple Dependent Claims Present		

*If the difference in col. 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in col. 2.

Small Entity	
Rate	Fee
	\$ 370
x\$9=	\$
x\$42=	\$
+\$140=	\$
Total	\$

Other Than Small Entity	
Rate	Fee
	\$ 740
x\$18=	\$630
x\$84=	\$0
+\$280=	\$
Total	\$ 1370

Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$ _____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$1500.00 to cover the filing fee, fee for 12 additional claims, and surcharge, and a check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover a one month extension of time fee are enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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